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FOR: METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS &  
MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING  
BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND COMPOSITIONS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office action mailed May 14, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of time and required fee are filed herewith. With the extension of time, this Response is due on November 14, 2003. No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19374-504.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.